

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

MELTING AND REFINING DEPARTMENT,

Philadelphia, 26. Jan'y. , 1884.

Hon. A. Loudon Snowden

Superintendent.

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Very respectfully

J. A. C. Booth

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Jas. C. Boothe

Melter and Refiner.

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MELTING AND REFINING DEPARTMENT.

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25 January 1884

Mess. Geo. B. Newton & Co

329 Walnut Street, Philad^a

Sirs

I regret that I am obliged to draw your attention to the very inferior quality of the coal which you have recently supplied to the melting Department of the Mint. Knowing that all dealers are liable to receive and therefore distribute inferior coal occasionally to their customers, I forbore drawing your attention to the fact, until I could ascertain whether it was a temporary irregularity or otherwise. But since it continued from the last time I saw you, about two weeks ago, until within a couple of days, I feel myself obliged to notice the fact, that the quality was such, that it was difficult for the melters to

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obtain good melts of the Nickel Alloy, and even then at a considerable waste of time, fuel and wear and tear of furnaces. Even now, altho' the quality of coal supplied during the past two or three days is better than it was before, it is barely good enough to pass and is not economical in time, fuel, &c. as it should be. Unless there be a further and continued improvement, I shall feel called upon to report the state of things to the Superintendent for his decision and action.

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[Letter Two:]

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